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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

March 4, 2005

In re application of : William Fondriest
Serial No. : 10/728,424
Filed : December 4, 2003
For : **Lower Bearing for Aircraft Landing Gear**
Examining Attorney : John Woodrow Eldred
Docket No. : 36846.004

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION MAILED 11/04/2004**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the Office Action dated November 4, 2004, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A lower bearing assembly adapted for installation on the hydraulically actuated landing gear system of an aircraft, said lower bearing assembly comprising:

a split bearing including first and second arcuate components adapted for mating